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SUBJECT: ECE - GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON THE STEEL MARKET,
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SUMMARY: THE ECE GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON THE STEEL MARKET MEETING WAS BASICALLY A FACTUAL REPORTING OF CONDITIONS IN THE STEEL INDUSTRIES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR ECE STEEL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STEEL MARKET. END SUMMARY.

1. AUSTRIA AND SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (POLAND AND HUNGARY) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY WESTERN STEEL PRODUCERS, IN PARTICULAR THE EC, WERE PUSHING THE INDUSTRY TOWARD INCREASED PROTECTIONIST UMBRELLA AND WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THEIR TRADE. THEY WANTED THIS POSITION TO BE REFLECTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECE.

2. THE ECE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THE ECE COULD NOT TAKE
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POSITIONS, BUT WOULD REPORT ON THE "FACTS" AND NATIONAL STEEL INDUSTRY'S CONDITIONS.

3. USDEL GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE TASK FORCE PLAN AND, IN PARTICULAR, TRIGGER PRICE. NO COMMENTS FOLLOWED.

4. BELGIUM GAVE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION OF THE EC PLAN,
EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT THE EC IN THEIR BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS WERE GUARANTEEING EXPORTERS THEIR "TRADITIONAL"
MARKET STEEL AT HIGHER PRICES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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